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ATOMIC ENERGY
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RAJASTHAN NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Nuclear Power Project which was to be completed in 1995 has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the present status and cost overrun of the project; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (d) The original scheduled date of criticality for the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project Units 3&4 (RAPP-3&4) were May 1995 and November 1995 respectively. The completion of the Project got delayed mainly due to the `hold` put by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board

(AERB) on the civil construction work of RAPP 3&4consequent on the delamination incident of Unit-1 of the Kaiga Atomic Power Project in May 1994. Therehas been a cost over-run of Rs.404 crore over the latest approved estimate of Rs.2107 crore due to change in scope of work, escalation, taxes & duties, foreign exchange variation, increase in Interest During Construction (IDC)etc. resulting from the time overrun. Unit-3 has now been completed and synchronised to the grid on 10.3.2000. The expected date of criticality of Unit-4 is November, 2000.